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As the sun comes
down closer and closer
to the earth,

the sweat on his back
glistens, lubricating
his body with a

sleek shiny sheath.
The denims cling darkly
to his thighs while

salty beads run down
his chest and the wet-heat
of his toes.

He smiles, raises
himself, arms outstretched,
and faces the sun

after the breeze caresses
them quickly and
relieves their tension

as the day's labor
is about done and the
sun is leaving.